

Interesting topic things to do at home

Can you find out information on Amelia Earhart and Isambard Kingdom Brunel?

Talk about modern day explorers.

Look at maps or [Google Earth](#).

Visit local museums to find out about discoveries from the past.

Discuss family adventures you have been on.

Special Event

On 12th March we will be taking the year 2 children to Didcot Railway Centre.

This will involve taking the train from Cholsey, a station which was designed by Brunel!



More details to follow.



What an Adventure!

Key Stage 1 Team – Year 2



HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Home Learning is not compulsory; however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a Home Learning section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning. If there is anything else, specific to your child, that we would like you to work on at home, we will contact you individually.

Year 2- Your child will be provided with a bookmark within the first few weeks of term. This will have some information on it on how to support your child with reading and also which colour book we would like your child to be reading. We will not be changing the books for the children or recording in yellow books. However, we will encourage the children to change books themselves, or you are welcome to come in at the end of the day to select some. We would ask that the title of the book being read is recorded on the back of the bookmark and exchanged for a house point when it is filled in.

This term the year 2's will be introduced to **Times Table Rockstars** and will receive their log in details soon. Please focus on 2s, 5s and 10 times tables.

Word lists will be sent home soon – it is important they learn to read these words before they can write them.

Thanks for your support.

TOPIC OVERVIEW

Welcome back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and wish you a belated happy new year!

During the Spring term we will have a whole school theme of "What an Adventure!" We will be learning about the adventures of various explorers from the past. Later on we will also look at modern day explorers.



THIS TERM, YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL LEARN:

English	We will be writing to entertain and inform. We will be writing fact files about the explorers we are researching, story writing with a theme of journeys and we will be studying a poem by Kit Wright called The Magic Box
Maths	We will be working through the National Curriculum for Maths. Our main focus for this term will be Multiplication & Division. Year 2 children will receive their Times Table Rock Stars passwords and login details when we are sure they have a good grasp of what multiplication and division are.
Science	The children will be learning about the properties of materials which will be linked to our What an adventure! Topic.
Art & Design	Take One Picture Day. Structures and developing our design process.
Geography/ History	Where different explorers have travelled to including the names of continents and oceans and different modes of transport. Lives of significant individuals with a focus on Amelia Earhart.
PE	Rugby with Coach James (Monday for Woodpeckers and Fridays for Starlings.) Multi skills agility.
Music	Composition work based on transport inspired by the piece 'Little train to Caipira'
Computing	Using computers to research historical figures and enhance learning.
RE	We will be looking at symbols and their associated meanings across Christianity, Judaism and Islam.
PSHE	Family links, kindness, CARE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

Please could you ensure that children have their PE kit in school all week. PE kits should include:
 A plain white top / house top
 Plain black or navy joggers / shorts
 A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from 'Make It Mine', our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).
 Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured)
 Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Equipment:

All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in as this often causes problems if items get broken or lost and can act as a distraction for some children.

Snacks:

The children are provided with a healthy snack daily although they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home. (Fruit/vegetables/cheese)

Mornings:

At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom between 8.40am and 8.55 am with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day. One of us will be available at the door to answer any questions or queries you may have. A teacher or a TA will be available in the cloakroom area to help the children find their pegs etc. Please note there is no need to change shoes. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle and book bag away independently and then make their way to the carpeted area, where there will be a morning activity for them to be getting on with.

End of the Day (3:15):

At the end of the day we will allow the children out to you one at a time.

Key Dates for this term:

- Rabbi Visit: Wednesday 8th January
- Thursday 16th January – visit from a parent who led an Arctic Expedition!
- Thursday 16th Roots for Food
- Monday 20th Jan: Panto (Peter Pan) at school.
- Wednesday 29th January: Christingle at church 6 p.m.
- 12th March – Trip to Didcot Railway Centre
- Fri 27th March – Open classrooms in school 9-10am